

Jazak Allah Khairan - جزاك الله خَيْرًا

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ ۖ

Is there any reward for good other than good? (S55:V60)

Usamah bin Zaid ؓ reported: Nabi ﷺ said, "He who is favoured by another and says to his benefactor: 'Jazak-Allah khairan (may Allah reward you well)' indeed praised (the benefactor) satisfactorily." (Riyad As-Salihin – At-Tirmidhi Book 17, Hadith 1496)

Usamah bin Zaid ؓ narrated that Nabi ﷺ said: "Whoever some good was done to him, and he says: 'May Allah reward you in goodness' then he has done the most that he can of praise." (Jami At Tirmidhi 2035)

Understanding the Grammar of the word JazakAllah:

Jazaak comes from the root word jazaa' (جزاء) which according to the popular Arabic-English dictionary, Al-Mawrid, has two meanings that are completely opposite to each other! Thus (جزاء) can either mean reward or Punishment. So "JazakAllah" can may either mean "may Allah reward you" or "may Allah punish you". **Therefore it is necessary that we qualify the sentence by completing it with Khair" (JazakAllahu Khairan - may Allah reward you with the Best/Good).**

Though someone might say that the intention by saying JazakAllah is the same like JazakAllahu khayran, if it's so, then it will be better to use complete wordings as used by Nabi ﷺ and the Sahabah ؓ, which is "**JazakAllah khayran**"

JazakAllahu Khair - Different Grammatical Forms:

Masculine:	Jazak Allahu Khair/Khairan	جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا
Feminine:	Jazaki Allahu Khair/Khairan	جَزَاكِ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا
Plural:	Jazakumu Allahu Khair/Khairan	جَزَاكُمْ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا

You may also use "JazakAllahu khairan katheeran" which means May Allah reward you with good in abundance" as "Katheeran" means "abundance/abundantly".

Substitute of Jazakallahu khair and As a reply also:

Masculine:	Barakallahu Feek	بَارَكَ اللهُ فِيكَ
Feminine:	Barakallahu Feeki	بَارَكَ اللهُ فِيكِ
Plural:	Barakallahu Feekum	بَارَكَ اللهُ فِيكُمْ

Which means "May Allah bless you", which is an appropriate way of thanking someone and replying to someone who said JazakAllahu Khair to you.

The best reply to those who say jazakallahu khair:

When Usayd ibn Hadayr ؓ said to Nabi ﷺ: "O Messenger of Allah Jazak'allahu khayran!" Nabi ﷺ said: "

وَأَنْتُمْ فَجَزَاكُمْ اللهُ خَيْرًا

(Wa Antum Fa Jazakumullahu khayran - And you too, May Allah reward you too with good)" (al-Ta'leeqaatul hisaan al Saheeh ibn Hibbaan 6231)

Replying to someone who has thanked you with JazakAllahu Khair or Barakallahu Feek:

Masculine:	Wa Iyyak	Wa Anta Aydhan	Jazana Wa Iyyaka
Feminine:	Wa Iyyaki	Wa Anti Aydhan	Jazana wa Iyaaki
Plural:	Wa Iyyakum	Wa Antum Aydhan	Jazana Wa Iyyakum
Meaning:	Same to you	You too	May Allah reward you and me too (with the same)

If someone has said "Thank-You" or "Shukran" and not used "Jazakallahu Khair" or "Barakallahu Feek" to thank you, then reply them with "Barakallahu feek" or "Jazakallahu Khair", as replies like "wa iyyak" or "wa anta aydan" means "you too" and you can't use that as a reply as it's inappropriate.

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